



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Hague Child Abduction Convention Legal Representation

Request for Legal Assistance in the United States, 2012

Please review the following tables to determine your financial eligibility to request *pro bono* or reduced fee legal services. You may also request a list of full fee attorneys. Eligibility to request *pro bono* or reduced fee legal services is based upon the 2012 income guidelines published by the Legal Services Corporation, 45 C.F.R. Part 1611, Appendix A (2012), 77 Fed. Reg. 4909-4910 (Feb. 2, 2012).

Attorneys may ask you for additional information (such as income tax returns; other assets) to determine whether and on what terms to offer you their legal services. There is no guarantee that an attorney will offer to represent you on a *pro bono* or reduced fee basis. Most private attorneys will expect you to pay court costs and expenses (including but not limited to filing fees, service of process, phone calls, travel expenses, document duplication, translations) even when they provide their legal services to you at low or no cost.

Instructions

- The tables are based on **gross** income (**before** taxes) of all persons living in your household.
- Include in 'household size' the child/ren about whom you have filed a Hague application.
- If you are seeking legal assistance in Hawaii or Alaska, please use the tables found at <http://www.lsc.gov/sites/default/files/LSC/pdfs/45CFRPart1611AppendixA2012Income%20Guidelines.pdf>.
- **Circle the line that describes your household size/gross income.**

Eligibility to request *pro bono* legal representation (125% of 2012 U.S. poverty guidelines)

<u>Household size</u>	<u>Maximum gross income from all sources (in U.S. dollars)</u>
1	\$ 13,963
2	\$ 18,913
3	\$ 23,863
4	\$ 28,813
5	\$ 33,763
6	\$ 38,713

Eligibility to request reduced fee legal assistance (200% of 2012 U.S. poverty guidelines)

<u>Household size</u>	<u>Maximum gross income from all sources (in U.S. dollars)</u>
1	\$ 22,340
2	\$ 30,260
3	\$ 38,180
4	\$ 46,100
5	\$ 54,020
6	\$ 61,940

PLEASE NOTE:

- The U.S. Central Authority may seek clarification from you before facilitating your search for legal assistance.
- If you are not forthcoming or in error in your self-assessment, the U.S. Central Authority may limit any further assistance in your search for legal representation.
- There is no entitlement to legal services.
- It may be faster and easier to find an attorney if you are willing to pay some amount for legal services.
- Legal aid programs will determine your eligibility for services in accordance with program guidelines.

Choose only ONE:

I have reviewed the income guidelines and believe that I am eligible to request:

_____ *Pro Bono* Legal Representation

Or

_____ Reduced Fee Legal Representation

Or

_____ I am requesting a list of full fee attorneys.

My employment/occupation: _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

E-mail _____

Signed _____ Date _____